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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-7,9-25 and 32-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-7,9-25 and 32-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The IDS filed 4/20/2005 has been considered and recorded in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-15, 18-25, 32-37, 40-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito (EP 0898378 submitted by Applicant) in view of Youngs et al. (US 6,600,918).

Regarding claims 1, 18, 20, 21, 23, 40, 42, Ito teaches an apparatus for in-vehicle provision of audio content to a listener (figs. 1, 18), comprising: a PHS (personal handy phone system) telephone 4, 70 adapted to receive broadcast radio content over a wireless network (PHS base station [0032]); and an in-vehicle audio system 74, 71, 72, 73L, 73R adapted to be fixedly installed in a vehicle and coupled to receive the broadcast radio content from the PHS telephone 70, and to play the

content in the vehicle, see [0127], wherein the broadcast radio content received over the wireless network is user selected, see [0135], and wherein the audio system 74, 71, 72, 73L, 73R is adapted to receive, from a user, an input comprising at least one detail regarding the broadcast radio content to be received, and to transmit the at least one detail to the PHS telephone, see [0135]. Ito only differs from the claimed invention in that a cellular phone is used to receive the broadcast radio content. However, the art of using a cellular phone in the GSM system to receive the broadcast radio content is conventionally well known, as taught by Young in column 3, lines 1-19. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Youngs to the system of Ito provide more multimedia programs to cellular subscribers.

Regarding claims 2, 24, the above combination also teaches receiving the broadcast radio content over the wireless network at a time when the radio content is not being broadcast over radio channels (prerecorded, col. 3, lines 13-14 of Youngs). The motivation is for the same reason as set forth above.

Regarding claims 3, 25, the above combination also teaches receiving the broadcast radio content over the wireless network at a location where the radio content can not be received over radio channels (fig. 1, numeral 28 of Youngs). The motivation is for the same reason as set forth above.

Regarding claims 5, 19, 41, the above combination also teaches receiving input form the user at the cellular telephone detail regarding the content and to transmit the detail to the a content provider over the wireless network (see [0034] of Ito).

Regarding claim 6, the above combination fails to teach that the input comprises a verbal input. It is taken official notice that the art of using voice recognition in the cellular art is conventionally well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include voice recognition to the system of Ito in order to provide convenience to the users who dislike typing.

Regarding claim 7, the above combination also teaches comprising contact buttons (Youngs, col. 4, lines 12-13). The motivation is for the same reason as set forth above.

Regarding claims 9-10, 22, 32, 44, the above combination teaches that the in-vehicle audio system can function as a radio independent of the cellular phone, and is adapted to receive, as the input, radio station broadcast frequency of the radio to which the radio is tuned (AM/FM radio receiver in [0127] of Ito).

Regarding claims 11, 33, the above combination also teaches that the at least one identification detail is stored in a memory of the cellular phone (music offering service request transmitted from remote controller 74 is inherently stored by the control unit 10 in the cellular phone 70, see [0135] of Ito).

Regarding claims 12, 34, the above combination also teaches that the wireless network is the Internet (col. 3, 15-19 of Young), which inherently includes WAP enabled. The motivation is for the same reason as set forth above.

Regarding claims 13-14, 35-36, the above combination fails to teach GSM that includes GPRS. It is taken official notice that the art of implementing GSM that includes GPRS is conventionally well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to include the GSM system in the system of Ito in order to also include European cellular system into account.

Regarding claims 15, 37, the above combination also teaches that the cellular telephone is adapted to transfer the audio content to the in-vehicle audio system via a wireless link therebetween, [0136] of Ito.

Regarding claim 43, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 20. The above combination further teaches identifying the preferred radio station from the at least one detail and downloading broadcast radio content over the wireless network to the cellular telephone (see [0034] of Ito).

4. Claims 16, 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Young as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of Witkowski et al. (US 2002/0197955).

Regarding claims 16, 38, the above combination of Ito and Young fails to teach the conventional Bluetooth used in vehicle audio system. However, this technique is taught by Witkowski in [0036]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

made to combine Witkowski with the above combination in order to inherit the low cost implementation of Bluetooth technology.


5. Claims 17, 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ito in view of Young as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Chen (US 6,134,456).

Regarding claims 17, 39, the above combination fails to teach wired link rather than wireless. However, Chen teaches wired link between a cellular phone and the vehicle audio system (see figures 2, 6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include wired link of Chen to the system of the above combination in order to be able to recharge power to the battery of the cellular phone by avoiding multiple power supply (col. 1, 49-50).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)-272-7854. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, VIVIAN CHIN can be reached on (703) -272-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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